

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

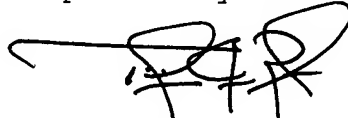
Claims 1-12 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-12 are subject to a restriction requirement. Specifically, the Examiner has reasoned that claims 1-11, group I, is drawn to a method of manufacturing a speed ring while claim 12, group II, is drawn to a method of manufacturing a magnetic strip. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Applicant chooses to elect group I, claims 1-11, drawn to a method of manufacturing a speed ring. Thus, Applicant withdraws claim 12 from consideration.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and arguments, Applicant believes that claims 1-11 are in condition for allowance and Applicant respectfully requests allowance of such claims. If any issues remain that may be expeditiously addressed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 515/558-0200. All fees or extensions of time believed to be due in connection with this response are attached hereto; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account 50-2098.

Respectfully submitted,



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